

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 10-11, and 16-17 are amended and claims 7-9 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice in this paper, and claim 18 previously has been cancelled without prejudice.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A locking mechanism comprising:
a plurality of spring loaded locking members, each having a bias spring, wherein each locking member is biased in a closed position by its bias spring;
a lock release device operatively coupled to the plurality of locking members to simultaneously move each of the plurality of locking members against its bias spring, wherein each of the plurality of locking members moves laterally in a substantially different direction, and wherein the lock release device moves orthogonally to each of the plurality of locking members; and
a plurality of latching members being securely gripped by the plurality of locking members, wherein the lock release device is in partial frictional contact with the plurality of locking members under the spring bias of each of the locking members, and
wherein each latching member being released from the grip of the corresponding locking member when the lock release device is forced in frictional sliding contact with the plurality of locking members against the spring bias of each of the locking members.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein the plurality of latching members and the plurality of locking members are used to removably lock a battery cover to the main body of a mobile telephone set.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 2, wherein each of the locking members include at least one locking leg adapted to grip the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the main telephone body.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein the lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a corresponding second surface on each locking member.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 4, wherein each of the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.
6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 5, wherein the lock release device is spring-loaded.
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10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The locking mechanism of ~~claim 9~~ claim 4, wherein the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when the lock release device is forced to move ~~in the second direction~~ orthogonally to each of the plurality of locking members.
11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A locking mechanism for securing a battery compartment cover to a mobile terminal body, the mechanism comprising:
 - a first and a second locking member;
 - a first and a second bias spring biasing the first and the second locking members, respectively, in a closed position;
 - a lock release device operatively coupled to the first and the second locking members to simultaneously move the first locking member in a first direction against the first bias spring and the second locking member in a second direction against the second bias spring wherein the first direction and the second direction are substantially different, and wherein the lock release device moves in a third direction that is orthogonal to each of the first and the second locking members; and

a first and a second latching member being securely gripped by the first and second locking members, wherein the lock release device is in partial frictional contact with the first and the second locking members under the spring bias of each of the locking members, and

wherein each latching member being released from the grip of the corresponding locking member when the lock release device is forced in frictional sliding contact with the first and second locking members against the spring bias of each of the locking members.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a corresponding second surface on each locking member.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 12, wherein each of the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device is spring-loaded.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The locking mechanism of ~~claim 15~~ claim 14, wherein the lock release device is adapted to move in ~~a third~~ the third direction against its spring bias.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the third direction is substantially perpendicular to ~~each of the first direction and the second direction~~ a rear surface of the mobile terminal body.

18. (CANCELLED)

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when the lock release device is forced to move in the third direction.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein each of the locking members include at least one locking leg adapted to grip the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the terminal body.